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SUBJECT: MONKEY EXPORTS FROM INDIA FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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1. MISOFF DISCUSSED MATTERS RAISED IN REFTEL WITH DR PERKINS OF WHO. PERKINS REITERATED HIS STRONG FEELING THAT ANY FURTHER APPROACHES TO INDIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE MIGHT HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS FOR INDIAN SCIENTISTS WHO ARE STILL USING RHESUS MONKEYS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES IN INDIA. HE FEELS THE MATTER IS "EXTREMELY DELICATE".

2. DR PERKINS ALSO FEELS THAT SURFACING THE MATTER AT THE WHA BY THE U.S. OR OTHERS IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO HARDEN THE PM'S STANCE ON THE SUBJECT AND, AGAIN, ENDANGER THE FURTHER USE OF RHESUS MONKEYS BY INDIAN SCIENTISTS.

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3. FOR THE MOMENT, WHO PLANS NO FURTHER APPROACHES TO THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT BUT INSTEAD WILL PURSUE POSSIBLE EXPORT ARRANGEMENTS WITH NEPAL AND BANGLADESH, AS INDICATED IN REFTEL. VANDEN HEUVEL

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